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**APPLICANTS' AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 28, 2001, in the above-referenced application. In the Office Action, the specification was objected to and pending claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In addition, the Examiner denied priority of this application to the corresponding provisional application 60/105,348. The Examiner also noted deficiencies in the PTO-1449 form filed by the Applicants. In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

**AMENDMENTS****In the Specification:**

Please replace the sentence under the title "THROMBOPOIETIC COMPOUNDS", beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following sentence: